

**UPDATED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY
FOR SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS
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We the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, recognise the personal dignity and rights of children and of vulnerable adults towards whom we have a special responsibility and duty of care. We undertake to do all in our power to create a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults and to protect them from any form of abuse, neglect or bullying. We will liaise closely with Church and statutory agencies to ensure that any allegation of abuse are promptly and properly dealt with, victims supported and perpetrators held to account and assisted to live offence free lives.

We continue to abide by the Standards and Guidance Document for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Where the Sisters are working in Parishes and Schools we observe the Child Protection Policies of the respective places and get Garda clearance also.

Each Community of sisters have a copy of the "Safeguarding Children" produced by the National Office and the name and phone number of the designated Sister is beside the telephone.

We continue to update the Province's Child Protection Policy

Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions
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